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**Patent Application**

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Filing Date: September 22, 1999  
Group: 2131  
Examiner: Christian A. La Forgia

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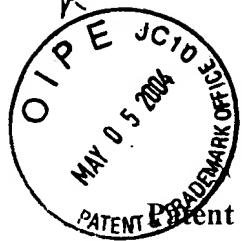
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2004 in the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby request reinstatement of the appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b)(2). A Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted concurrently herewith.

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Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Response to Office Action; and
- (2) Supplemental Appeal Brief in triplicate (original and two copies).

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the response. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error.

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